

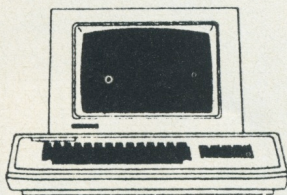
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"We'd like to use your influence."

*A report on Co-operative Education and a plea for support by Paul
Zarek, Department of Co-operative Education*

Firstly, we would like to thank the Alumni Association for this opportunity to contact so many of our graduates now established in successful careers.

Mohawk College has long been a leader in the field of Co-operative Education. We established the first community college Co-op program in Canada (Industrial Management Technology) in 1969 and today have the largest Co-op program of its kind in the country.

Many Alumni have had the benefit of Co-op as the first step in their chosen careers. They certainly are aware of the value of our program to both employers and students. For those not familiar, Co-operative Education at Mohawk essentially involves paid work experience of 4 to 8 months duration in a field related to the students' academic studies. Co-ops are available on a rotating basis, year-round.

Co-ops are used for special projects that the employer's regular staff do not have time to complete. They assist during periods when the workload is high, but temporary, and the future uncertain — a common situation in today's economy. Co-op is also an effective method for pre-viewing undergraduates as potential candidates for permanent employment.

The past two years have presented Co-

operative Education with its stiffest challenge to date; to find employment for Co-ops during the most severe recession in many years. In spite of these conditions, through the increased efforts of our staff we have managed remarkably well maintaining a 75% placement rate over all programs.

The economy is improving, but very slowly, as we continue our efforts to locate new contacts as potential Co-op employers. It is with this in mind that we are asking, "Can we use your influence?"

Many of you are either in a position to make decisions on staffing or know someone who does. Or, perhaps you are employed by a firm or institution that is not familiar with the Mohawk Co-op program. In any case, if the opportunity presents itself, please put in a good word for us.

Our success in the past has been based on very real benefits to employers — Co-ops do productive work at a reasonable cost. Also, our recruiting system places Co-ops quickly and effectively.

Alumni support could be a tremendous asset to our program. Think about Co-op — it's good for your Alma Mater and it's good for business.

If you can be of help, please call (416) 575-2167.

Co-op Programs

Program	Course Duration (years)	# Work Semesters
Accounting	2	2
Architecture	3	2
Civil	3	3
Computer Systems	3	3
Computer Electronics	3	3
Data Processing	2	2
Electrical Control	3	3
Electronics	3	3
Energy Systems	3	3
Food & Beverage Management	2	2
Industrial Management	3	3
Insurance Administration	2	2
Marketing	2	2
Materials Testing	2	1
Mechanical	3	3
Transportation Planning	3	3
Industrial Craftsman		
Industrial Machinist	3	6
Industrial Mechanic	3	6
Industrial Electrician	3	6
Fitter Welder	3	6
Tool & Die	3	6